



# BEXLEY TIMES

City of Bexley Quarterly Newsletter

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## ON THE FLIP SIDE:



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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: INTRODUCING "BEXLEY BASE"



Mayor Ben Kessler

Do you ever see something around the City that needs some to be fixed and wondered who to call about it? Or maybe noticed something but feel like you don't have the time to reach out and tell us about it? We get it. We don't expect you to know which department of the City does what, or who the right person is to call, email (or tag on Facebook!) for any given situation, so in

an effort to provide better service to you, and increase the ease of communication of issues throughout the City, we're launching a new service that we're calling "Bexley Base".

- Code Enforcement issues
- Water: water breaks, leaking hydrants
- And much more!

With the Bexley Base app, you can quickly take a photo, have your phone automatically locate where the issue is, select the issue type from a pull-down menu, and send it to us. We will then acknowledge the issue and give you an estimated time in which the issue will be dealt with. Residents who have the app or access the website will be able to view open issues, and view their current status.

In addition to providing a platform for issue reporting and communication, the Bexley Base app provides easy access to information and resources such as:

- City and community calendar at a glance
- Past issues of the Bexley Blast
- Past newsletters
- Online water bill pay
- City meeting video

Bexley Base is available today on the Apple App Store, Google Play for Android, and on the web at [www.bexley.org/base](http://www.bexley.org/base). It's a useful tool to put on your phone in case you see something you'd like to report and follow, and we're really looking forward to getting this in your hands so we can provide a more streamlined service to you!

### Also Introducing: BexALERT

The City of Bexley has partnered with Franklin County and other central Ohio municipalities to deploy a community-wide mass notification system. Residents can opt in to receive timely alerts from Franklin County Emergency Management System, as well as messages targeted from the City of Bexley for Bexley residents.

To sign up for membership in the BexALERT/ALERT Franklin County system, visit [www.bexley.org/bexalert](http://www.bexley.org/bexalert).

When signing up, make sure to select notifications from the City of Bexley, based upon your preferences!

Active notifications from the City of Bexley will include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Crime/Safety alerts - when safety issues are immediate, identifiable, ongoing, and could impact a large portion of residents
- Boil alerts
- Weather and emergency event warnings
- Weather and emergency event recovery efforts
- Utility outages
- Road closures
- Community event information

With these new tools, we're striving to increase critical communication and responsiveness, in an effort to give you easier access to providing the input and receiving the information that you need.

Thank you for all of the ways in which you, as stakeholders in our community, support, encourage, and enrich our community every day. See you around Bexley!

Mayor Ben Kessler



Bexley Base is a one-stop shop for reporting items throughout the City that need attention, including:

- Street issues: potholes, missing or damaged signs, etc
- Tree issues: dead City tree, limb down, other issue



## Toters Now Available

The Bexley toter program has proven so popular we've had a tough time keeping up with demand. But new shipments are coming in regularly, and if we don't have the type you're looking for we can get you on our list.

For full information: [www.bexley.org/recycle](http://www.bexley.org/recycle)



## Harvest Festival

Come out to Jeffrey Mansion to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival. Join Bexley Recreation & Parks in collaboration with the Bexley Celebrations Association to welcome fall on **Friday, October 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. The Harvest Festival is a great time to bring out the family for our many free activities, such as the corn maze, hay rides, enchanted walk, live music, balloons, face painting, and a bonfire. This is a free community event, so bring the family and celebrate the fall season. Community groups will be selling pizza, chili, popcorn, hot and cold drinks, and desserts.



## Trick or Treat - Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 29 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers for our Halloween Patrol. Volunteers will be asked to walk a designated street to help keep our little ones safe on Halloween night. If you're interested in helping, please contact the Bexley Recreation and Parks Department by emailing [recreation@bexley.org](mailto:recreation@bexley.org) or calling 559-4300.



## Taste of Bexley

On October 12<sup>th</sup> the Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce holds their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Bexley from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Franklin Park Conservatory. The Taste offers an opportunity to sample food from over 25 area restaurants and caterers at a great community event. For more information, visit [bexleyareachamber.org/taste-bexley](http://bexleyareachamber.org/taste-bexley).

To sign up for weekly email updates from the City of Bexley, visit: [www.bexley.org/blast](http://www.bexley.org/blast)



## Fall & Winter Service Update

### Leaf Removal

Leaf removal will begin around the second or third week of October. Crews will make a total of 3 passes through the City, with anticipated completion in late December. To keep tabs on status of the pickup, visit [www.bexley.org/service](http://www.bexley.org/service).

### Broad Street Water Main Replacement

### Signalization Project????



## Sidewalk Replacement

[[Sidewalk Replacement Program info](#)]

For full information: [www.bexley.org/](http://www.bexley.org/)\_\_\_\_\_



## Code Enforcement Corner

### Top Code Enforcement Issues this Fall

#### Weeds and Tall Grass

Yards and planting beds should be free of weeds, and grass should not exceed 8" in height

#### Obstructed Sidewalks

Vegetation should not block any portion of the sidewalk or the space above a sidewalk

#### Yard signs in City Right-of-Way

Please remember signs are prohibited from being posted in the right-of-way, tree lawn or on any utility pole, or traffic control sign/device.

#### Dead Trees/Shrubs/Limbs

Dead trees/landscaping and deadwood should be removed. Rumpke will take yard waste if in a receptacle or bundled in 4' sections.

For more code enforcement info, please visit: [www.bexley.org/code-enforcement-overview/](http://www.bexley.org/code-enforcement-overview/)



## Mark Your Calendar

- **October 11 & 12:** Community Yard Sale/Freecycle
- **October 13, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Taste of Bexley @ Franklin Park Conservatory
- **October 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Harvest Festival @ Jeffrey Mansion
- **October 25:** Sawmill Workshop at Jeffrey Park
- **October 25, 6:00 p.m. +**  
Community Tailgate at Jeffrey Park (OSU v Penn)
- **October 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.:** Trick or Treat
- **November 4:** Election Day!
- **December 7, 4:30 p.m.:** Tree lighting Ceremony
- **December 13, 8:00 a.m. to early afternoon**  
Prof. tree-climbing competition at Jeffrey Park
- **December 13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**  
Pancake Breakfast @ Jeffrey Mansion

For more events, visit [www.bexley.org/events](http://www.bexley.org/events)



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